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CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Claim 1 (currently amended) A nonwoven textile article that has been chemically modified to achieve pilling resistance, soil release, strength, and abrasion resistance properties, wherein the textile article is comprised of spun-bonded continuous multi-component fibers that are splittable along their length by mechanical or chemical action, and wherein the textile article is a fabric and said fabric achieves a minimum pilling resistance rating of "B" according to ASTM D4970 for Martindale Pilling and Marks & Spencer Test Method P17.

Claim 2 (cancelled) The textile article of claim 1, wherein the textile article is comprised of spun-bonded continuous multi-component fibers that are splittable along their length by mechanical or chemical action.

Claim 3 (currently amended) The textile article of claim 2-1, wherein the textile article is comprised of spun-bonded continuous multi-component fibers and said fibers are selected from the group consisting of polyester, nylon, and combinations thereof.

Claim 4 (cancelled) The textile article of claim 3, wherein the textile article is a fabric, film, or combination thereof.

Claim 5 (currently amended) The textile article of claim 4 3, wherein the textile article is a fabric and said fabric is dyed.

Claim 6 (currently amended) The textile article of claim 4 3, wherein the textile article is a fabric and said fabric is undyed.

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Claim 7 (cancelled) The textile article of claim 4, wherein the textile article is a fabric and said fabric achieves a minimum pilling resistance rating of "B" according to ASTM D4970 for Martindale Pilling and Marks & Spencer Test Method P17.

Claim 8 (currently amended) The textile article of claim 7 3, wherein the textile article is a fabric and said fabric exhibits increased wearer comfort due to a lack of pill formation.

Claim 9 (currently amended) The textile article of claim 7 3, wherein the textile article is a fabric and said fabric retains its desired appearance due to a lack of pill formation.

Claim 10 (currently amended) The textile article of claim 7 3, wherein the textile article is a fabric and said fabric possesses extended useful life due to a lack of pill formation and increased wearer comfort and appearance retention.

Claim 11 (currently amended) The textile article of claim 4 3, wherein the textile article is a fabric and said fabric achieves a minimum soil release rating of 3.0 according to AATCC Method 130-2000 after 1 wash cycle.

Claim 12 (original) The textile article of claim 11, wherein the textile article is a fabric and said fabric retains its desired appearance due to a lack of staining of the fabric.

Claim 13 (original) The textile article of claim 11, wherein the textile article is a fabric and said fabric possesses extended useful life due its desired appearance retention.

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Claim 14 (currently amended) The textile article of claim 4 3, wherein the textile article is a fabric and said fabric achieves a minimum soil release rating of 3.5 according to AATCC Method 130-2000 after 5 wash cycles.

Claim 15 (original) The textile article of claim 14, wherein the textile article is a fabric and said fabric retains its desired appearance due to a lack of staining of the fabric.

Claim 16 (original) The textile article of claim 14, wherein the textile article is a fabric and said fabric possesses extended useful life due its desired appearance retention.

Claim 17 (currently amended) The textile article of claim 4 3, wherein the textile article is a fabric and said fabric achieves a minimum strength rating of 2.0 pounds according to ASTM D1424 for Elmendorf Tear.

Claim 18 (currently amended) The textile article of claim 4 3, wherein the textile article is a fabric and said fabric achieves a minimum strength rating of 8.0 pounds direction according to ASTM D5587 for Trap Tear.

Claim 19 (currently amended) The textile article of claim 4 3, wherein the textile article is a fabric and said fabric achieves a minimum strength rating of 70 pounds according to ASTM D5034 for Grab Tensile.

Claim 20 (currently amended) The textile article of claim 4 3, wherein the textile article is a fabric and said fabric achieves a minimum abrasion resistance rating of 520 cycles to failure according to ASTM D3886 for Stoll Flat.

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Claim 21 (currently amended) The textile article of claim 4 3, wherein the textile article is a fabric and said fabric achieves a minimum abrasion resistance rating of 14,750 cycles to failure according to ASTM D3885 for Flex Abrasion.

Claim 22 (currently amended) The textile article of claim 4 3, wherein the textile article is a fabric and said fabric is incorporated into an article of apparel.

Claim 23 (currently amended) The textile article of claim 4 3, wherein the textile article is a fabric and said fabric is incorporated into an article of bedding.

Claim 24 (currently amended) The textile article of claim 4 3, wherein the textile article is a fabric and said fabric is incorporated into an article of residential upholstery.

Claim 25 (currently amended) The textile article of claim 4 3, wherein the textile article is a fabric and said fabric is incorporated into an article of commercial upholstery.

Claim 26 (currently amended) The textile article of claim 4 3, wherein the textile article is a fabric and said fabric is incorporated into an article of automotive upholstery.

Claim 27 (currently amended) The textile article of claim 4 3, wherein the textile article is a fabric and said fabric is incorporated into an article of napery.

Claim 28 (currently amended) The textile article of claim 4 3, wherein the textile article is a fabric and said fabric is incorporated into an article for residential cleaning.

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Claim 29 (currently amended) The textile article of claim 4 3, wherein the textile article is a fabric and said fabric is incorporated into an article for commercial cleaning.